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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 97-239-C - ORDER NO. 97-547

JUNE 27, 1997

IN RE: Proceeding to Establish Guidelines for) ORDER an Intrastate Universal Service Fund.)

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) to establish a proceeding to establish guidelines for an intrastate Universal Service Fund, pursuant to the passage of Act Number 354, which became State law on May 29, 1996.

Staff was instructed to create a Docket for this purpose, and a procedural notice was issued on or about May 29, 1997. We established a return date of June 14, 1997. We desire, however, to make other provisions of that notice a procedural Order of this Commission.

A hearing on this matter shall be held at the offices of the Commission on August 4, 1997 at 11:00 AM.

All incumbent local exchange carriers (ILEC's) shall prefile testimony and exhibits on or before July 7, 1997. Testimony and exhibits from all other parties shall be prefiled on or before July 21, 1997. As usual, and as is consistent with Commission Regulations, all parties shall serve all other parties with copies of such prefiled testimony and exhibits.

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This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy ^E

Executive Di/rector

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